

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.**

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, LaSalle Building, 617 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m. on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009**, upon the application of **MIDSTATES PETROLEUM COMPANY, LLC**.

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the **Sparta Unit 9 and the 8,000' Zone, Reservoir B**, in the Pine Prairie Field, Evangeline Parish, Louisiana.

1. To dissolve the existing Sparta Unit 9, previously established by Office of Conservation Order No. 32-D-2, effective February 7, 1944, and simultaneously therewith to establish rules and regulations and to create one (1) additional drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of oil and gas from the 8,000' Zone, Reservoir B.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the unit so created with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To designate Midstates Petroleum Company, LLC. as operator of the proposed 8000 RB SUC and to designate their Schlicher-Thomas C No. 1 Well as the unit well and their N. Ortego No. 1 Well as an alternate unit well for the 8000 RB SUC.
4. To extend to such additional unit the provisions governing the exploration for and the production of oil and gas from the 8,000' Zone, Reservoir B, established by Order No. 32-P, effective January 8, 2008, and Order No. 32-P-1, effective July 22, 2008.
5. To permit the downhole combination of the 8,000' Zone, Reservoir B in the proposed unit designated 8000 RB SUC with the Upper Wilcox Zone, Reservoir C in the unit designated U WX RC SUO established by Order No. 32-K-6, effective June 7, 1988, in any existing or future wells that may be drilled within the referenced units.
6. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the reservoir by Supplemental Order, without the necessity of a public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The 8,000' Zone was previously defined in Order No. 32-P, effective January 8, 2008.

A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge and Lafayette**, Louisiana.

[www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm](http://www.dnr.state.la.us/CONS/CONSEREN/hearings/pubhearings.htm).

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

**BY ORDER OF:**

**JAMES H. WELSH  
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION**

Baton Rouge, LA

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